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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Theodore J. Stigell

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,7-18,21-25 and 41-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 7-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 20-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 41-49 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/25/2007.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 41-49 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 1-2, 4, and 7-13. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 18 and 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ginsburg (5,989,238). Ginsberg discloses a method of cooling a target tissue region inside a body, the method comprising providing non-oxygenated fluid (saline solution) cooled below normal body temperature and oxygenated blood (all blood is at least partially oxygenated) at a normal body temperature (the fluid is injected through a catheter into a vessel which has blood of normal body temperature) to the tissue region in proportions to cool the tissue region and maintain, for an extended period of time

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greater than two minutes, the temperature of the tissue region within a target range between 0-35 degrees Celsius which is 1-9 degrees below normal body temperature, wherein the blood is provided at least once every two minutes, wherein the fluid and blood are provided to the tissue region simultaneously, wherein a catheter provides blood to the tissue by partially occluding a vessel (any device in a vessel partially occludes the vessel just by being placed there) in fluid communication with the tissue region to permit a restricted amount of blood to flow to the tissue region, wherein fluid is provided through the lumen of the catheter, wherein the tissue is maintained within the range of 28 to 36 C for at least two minutes, wherein the delivery can open a lesion in the vessel (drugs are disclosed being delivered), and wherein a control system controls the delivery.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4, 7-17 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

In regards to claim 18, the Applicant is relying on limitations that are not included in the claim. In regards to claim 41, the Examiner notes that the claim recites the same limitations as claim 1.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore J. Stigell whose telephone number is 571-272-8759. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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